

amended (ch. 828, 56 Stat. 1092-1093; ch. 371, 58 Stat. 679-682; ch. 70, 61 Stat. 96; ch. 356, 65 Stat. 207), as extended by section 4 (e) of the Act of June 24, 1948 (62 Stat. 608), and as it read before the enactment of Public Laws 313 and 450, Eighty-second Congress, is further amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (58 Stat. 679) is amended by deleting "interned in a neutral country, captured by an enemy" and inserting in lieu thereof "interned in a foreign country, captured by a hostile force".

50 USC app.
1002.

(b) Section 6 (56 Stat. 145) is amended by deleting "in the hands of an enemy or is interned in a neutral country" and inserting in lieu thereof "in the hands of a hostile force or is interned in a foreign country".

50 USC app.
1006.

(c) Section 9 (58 Stat. 681) is amended by deleting "in the lands of an enemy" and inserting in lieu thereof "in the hands of a hostile force" and by deleting "such enemy" and inserting in lieu thereof "such hostile force".

50 USC app.
1009.

(d) Section 12 (65 Stat. 207) is amended by deleting "interned in a neutral country, or captured by the enemy" and inserting in lieu thereof "interned in a foreign country, or captured by a hostile force".

50 USC app.
1012.

(e) Section 14 (56 Stat. 147) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. The provisions of this Act applicable to persons captured by a hostile force shall also apply to any person beleaguered or besieged by a hostile force."

50 USC app.
1014.

(f) Section 15 (56 Stat. 147, 1093) is amended by deleting everything following the words "and shall remain in effect until" and inserting in lieu thereof "February 1, 1954".

50 USC app.
1015.

SEC. 2. Section 1 (a) (7) of the Emergency Powers Continuation Act (ch. 570, 66 Stat. 331) is repealed without effect upon rights accrued, liabilities incurred, or actions taken thereunder.

Repeal.

Approved April 4, 1953.

Public Law 17

CHAPTER 18

AN ACT

To amend section 3841 of the Revised Statutes relating to the schedules of the arrival and departure of the mail, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to the postal service, and for other purposes.

April 4, 1953
[H. R. 3062]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3841 of the Revised Statutes (sec. 7, title 39, United States Code) is hereby amended by striking out the clause reading: "and he shall cause to be kept and returned to the Department, at short and regular intervals, registers, showing the exact times of the arrivals and departures of the mail.", and by inserting, in lieu thereof, a clause to read as follows: "and he shall cause to be kept and forwarded to the Department, or designated field offices, such reports as he may consider necessary."

Postal Service.
Mail reports.

SEC. 2. The Act entitled "An Act to reclassify postmasters and employees of the postal service and readjust their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis," approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 1045), as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the paragraph reading:

Repeals.

"A clerk in charge is defined as a clerk in charge of a railway post office, terminal railway post office, or transfer office whether he performs service alone or has a crew of clerks under his supervision, or of a tour or a crew within a tour of a terminal railway post office or transfer office."

39 USC 620.

SEC. 3. Section 3975 of the Revised Statutes (sec. 493, title 39, U. S. C.) is hereby amended by striking out the semicolon and the following: "but where such service is performed over a route not established by law, he shall report the same to Congress at its meeting next thereafter, and such service shall cease at the end of the next session of Congress, unless such route is established a post route by Congress".

Approved April 4, 1953.

Public Law 18

CHAPTER 19

April 4, 1953
[H. R. 3073]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, with respect to the survivorship benefits granted to Members of Congress.

Congress.
Survivorship ben-
efits.

53 Stat. 1201.
5 USC 698.

Effective date.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (d) of section 4 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended by the Act of August 4, 1939 (Public, Numbered 263, Seventy-sixth Congress), which is referred to in paragraph (5) of section 3A of such Act, is amended by striking out the colon after the word "section" and the following: "Provided, That no election in lieu of the life annuity provided herein shall become effective in case an employee dies within thirty days after the effective date of retirement, and in the event of such death within this period, such death shall be considered as a death in active service".

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall take effect as of January 1, 1953.

Approved April 4, 1953.

Public Law 19

CHAPTER 20

April 4, 1953
[H. R. 3658]

AN ACT

To extend for an additional two years the existing privilege of free importation of gifts from members of the Armed Forces of the United States on duty abroad.

65 Stat. 3.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of December 5, 1942, entitled "An Act to accord free entry to bona fide gifts from members of the Armed Forces of the United States on duty abroad", as amended (U. S. C., title 50 App., sec. 847), is hereby amended by striking out "July 1, 1953" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1955".

Approved April 4, 1953.

Public Law 20

CHAPTER 21

April 4, 1953
[H. R. 3659]

AN ACT

To extend until July 1, 1955, the period during which personal and household effects brought into the United States under Government orders shall be exempt from duty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 2 of the Act of June 27, 1942, entitled "An Act to